Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

Sunday, February 8, 2026
8:30 & 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Even though we don't know you yet, we already love you.
Your race, gender identity, mental or physical ability, sexual orientation, marital status, financial situation, social standing, education, cultural background, immigration status, or any other category or label cannot separate you from the love of God, nor keep you from being what God calls you to be.

Reconciling in Christ

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Our Mission: Share God's Love

Holy Communion

Communion is open to all who are baptized and trust that Christ is present in the meal, regardless of your tradition or affiliation.

- We share communion by intinction: a communion server will give you gluten-free bread to dip in the alcohol-free wine found in the chalice. Return to your seat via the side aisle.
- Children who do not yet receive communion or those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms in front of you to signal your desire for a blessing.
- If you are not yet baptized, we welcome you to visit with one of the pastors or learn more at our website: bit.ly/htlc-baptisms so you may join in the Lord's Supper.

Welcome!

Names are important to us. Please let us know you're here by checking in at the kiosk in the Narthex or by filling out a paper Welcome Card located on the bulletin stand.

Children & Nursery

Children are invited and encouraged to worship with you.

- A supervised nursery is available for children 4 years and younger if you choose this option for all or part of the worship service.
- Busy Bags are hanging in the Narthex near the welcome desk.

Restrooms

Restrooms can be found on the north & south sides of the Narthex (lobby).

Newborn Ministry

If you have recently added a baby to your family, please let the church office know so we may welcome your little one.

Learn About Holy Trinity

For information about the church, what we believe, and how to become a member, visit https://bit.ly/htlc-join.

Prayer Requests

Please write your prayer requests on the back of a Welcome Card located in the pews. You may also submit your prayers at https://bit.ly/htlc-Prayer-Requests

Urgent Pastoral Care

If you are hospitalized or have an urgent need for pastoral care, call our main phone line (515-964-4348) and press 1 to be connected to the on-call pastor.

Office Hours

The office is open 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Friday hours are by appointment.

Prayer Concerns

We are a praying congregation. Please take your bulletin home and pray for those listed.

Thanksgiving to God:

- For Vacation Bible School
- For the birth of Ava Marlene to Nate & Erin Meador

Thanksgiving for the Saints:

- Donis Knutsen
- Ron Brown

Comfort for Those Who Mourn:

- Laurie Knutsen at the death of her mother, Donis
- Leah & Dylan Barnes and family at the death of Leah's father, Ron

Remember in Prayer:

- Larry Anderson
- Ober Anderson, friend of Lee Crawford
- David Bahns, brother of Lorelei Frederickson
- Beth Biedermann Barnett
- Eric Biedermann
- John & Deb Blackmer, brother and sister-in-law of Jeff Blackmer
- Diane & Ray Boll, sister of Annette Doman
- Brian, nephew of Larry & LeeAnn Montz
- Pam Culver, sister of Denise Wheeler
- David Dietz, cousin of Dennis Dietz
- Carol Felkey, mother of Roxanne Kerr
- Brittany Heimer, friend of Karen Dyer
- David & Melinda Jackson
- Lisa Kelsey & family, friend of Alisa Hinzman
- Kieran, friend of Deanna Questad
- Jim & Sandy Little
- Diane McDermott, sister of John Bein
- Priscilla McFarland
- Jean Miller, friend of Lisa Strnad
- Dennis Mohr, brother of Mary Eller
- Myrna Murphy
- Tim & Cyndi Olson
- Marvin Orth, father of Kristofer Orth
- Jana Phillips, friend of Bryan & Nancy Hallenbeck
- Linda Reed
- Shirley Rod
- Jodi Rozendaal, friend of LeeAnn Montz
- Samantha & Benjamin Ruhser, daughter and grandson of Debby Witten and granddaughter of Arlene Smith
- Deanna Slocum, sister of Linda Reed
- Denny Wildeman, friend of Bruce & Kathy Friest
- Linda & Paul Wold
- Minneapolis, Minnesota

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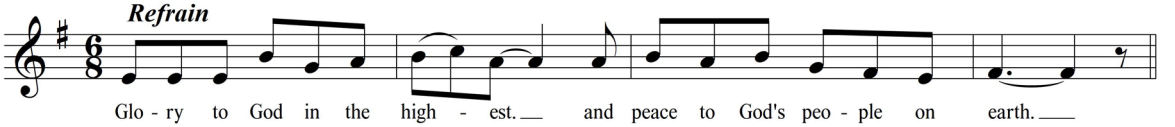
✢ Gathering ✢

Welcome & Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

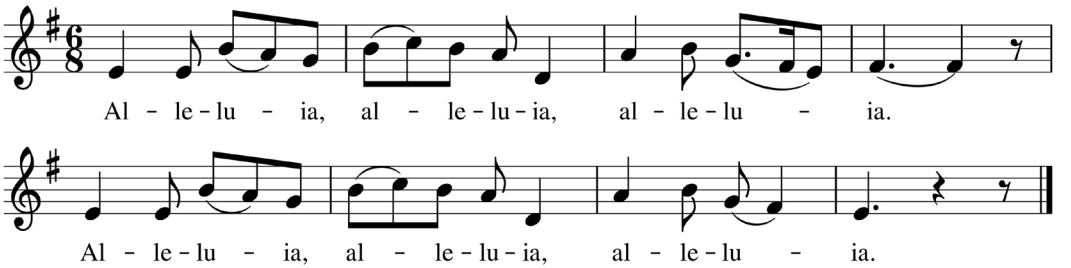
Song of Praise • Glory to God • *sing as directed*

Prayer of the Day

✢ Word ✢

Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Gospel Acclamation • *sing as directed:*

Gospel Reading • Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Hymn of the Day • I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light • ELW 815

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession & Peace

Offering • *The offering is received*

8:30 Shine, Shine Your Light! • by Becki Slagle Mayo • *Youth Choir; Jill Bjorklund, director*

10:00 Here I Am • by Ariel Quintana • *Adult Choir*

✢ Meal ✢

Thanksgiving at the Table

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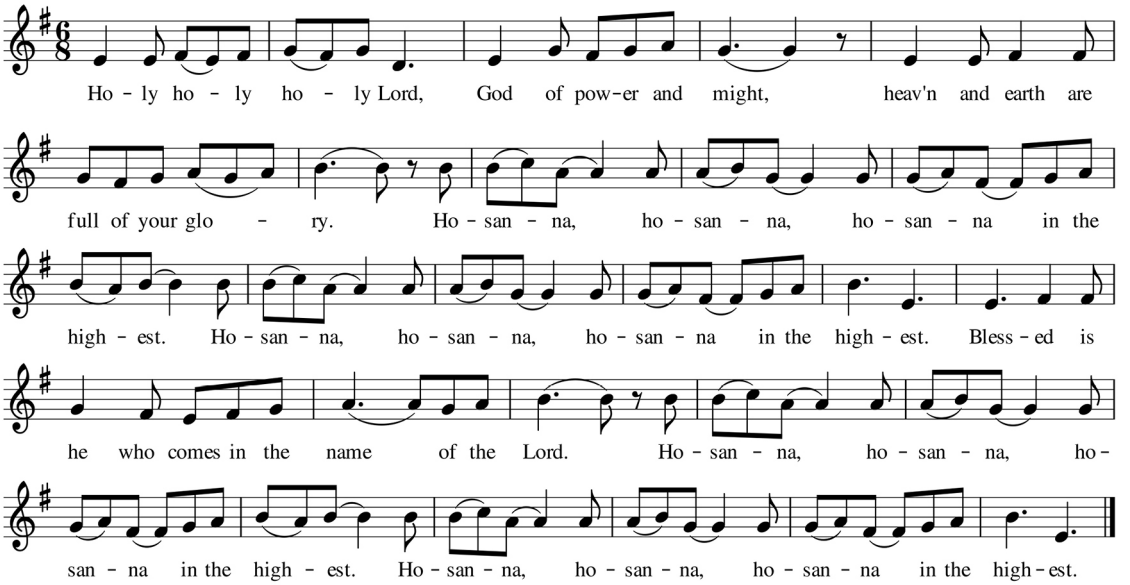
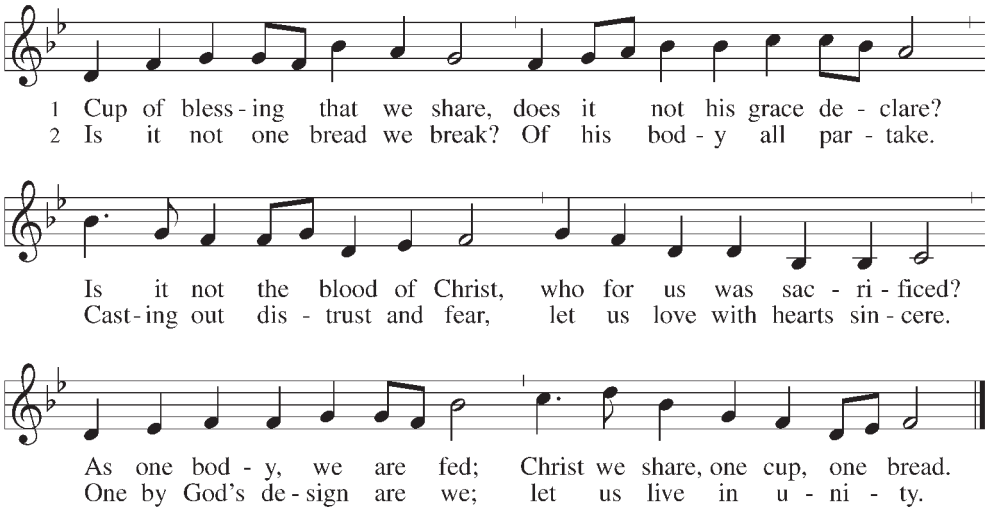


Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn • Cup of Blessing That We Share



✢ Sending ✢

Prayer after Communion & Blessing

Sending Song • We are Marching in the Light of God • ELW 866

Dismissal

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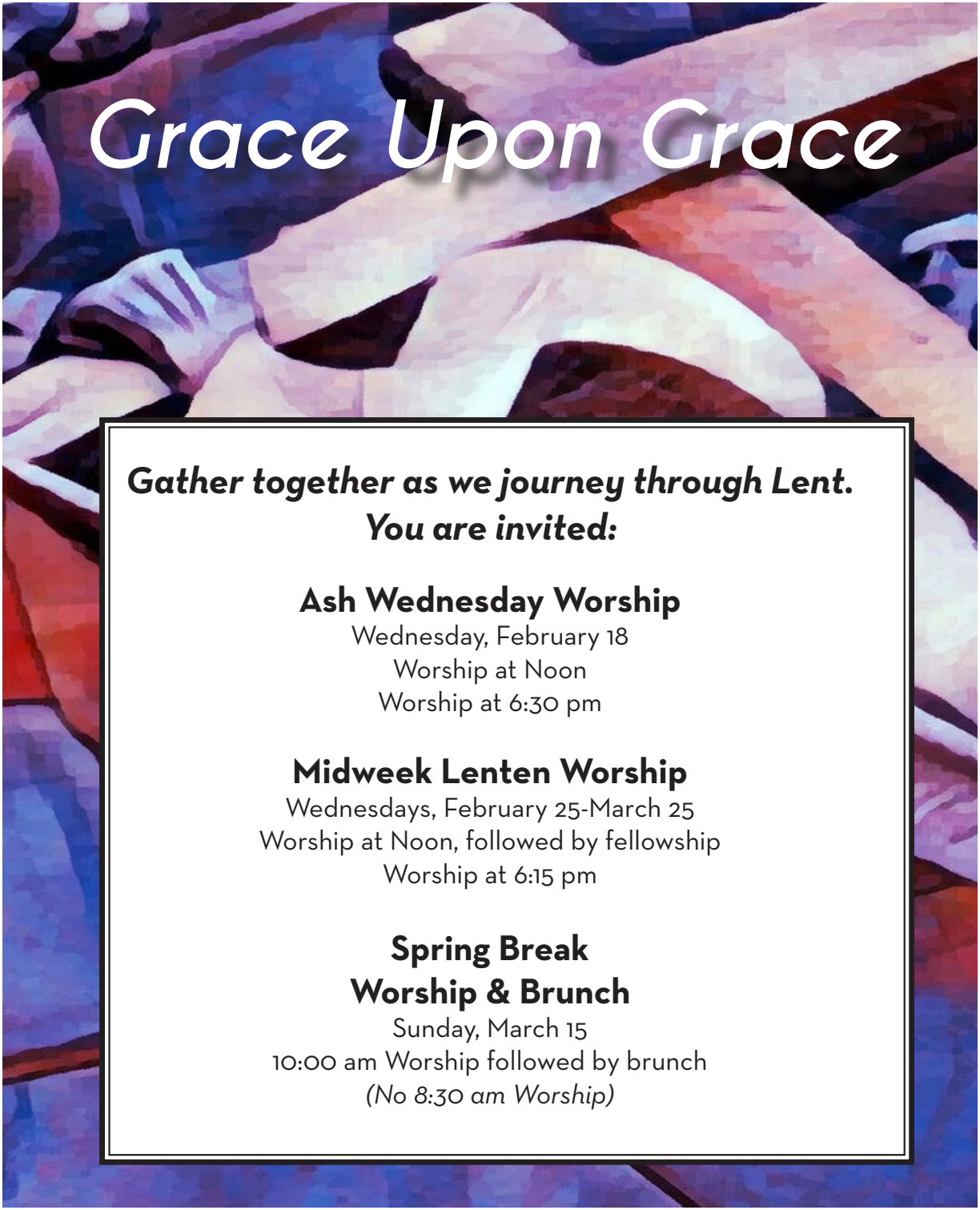

Grace Upon Grace

Gather together as we journey through Lent.
You are invited:

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 18
Worship at Noon
Worship at 6:30 pm

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, February 25-March 25
Worship at Noon, followed by fellowship
Worship at 6:15 pm

Spring Break Worship & Brunch

Sunday, March 15
10:00 am Worship followed by brunch
(No 8:30 am Worship)

Announcements

Mission & Ministry Opportunities & Events

Diamond Jubilee Concert As part of our 75th Anniversary Celebration, Holy Trinity will host the Wartburg College Castle Singers and Kammerstreicher ensembles for a special concert on Sunday, February 15, at 3:00 pm. Come enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music and celebration—we hope you'll join us!

High School Ministry Students in grades 9-12 are invited to meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Weekly gatherings will include devotions & prayer, food & games, and service & fellowship. Meet upstairs in the Youth Room 207; bring a friend!

Capital Campaign Update Pick up a copy of the end-of-year newsletter regarding progress with our capital campaign.

Contribution Statements 2025 Contribution Statements were sent by email or mail last week. They are also available in your Realm account. If you have questions about your giving, please contact Tammy Walls in the office. If your mailing or email address has changed this year, please notify Lisa Strnad.

Lutheran Day on the Hill This free event is Thursday, February 26. Join fellow advocates at the Capitol for a day of sharing stories, meeting lawmakers, and raising awareness about important community issues. Register by February 19 at: lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/aytp9g4.

Serve God and Others in Worship Each week it takes dozens of God's people working together to make worship happen—and there's a place for you! Join the ministry of worship by serving as an usher, greeter, reader, or communion server. We have an easy way to sign up through Realm (you'll need an account). Sign up at bit.ly/htlc-worship-signup.

Do You Get Our Emails? Holy Trinity has newsletters that we use to share information with the congregation. We have newsletter lists for music, the weekly sermon replay, daily video devotions, and many more. Sign up at https://bit.ly/htlcEmailList.

Serve Coffee & Doughnuts on Sundays A simple way you can help on Sundays is by serving coffee and doughnuts during fellowship between worship services. Would you like to help? We are looking for folks to serve one time per month or be a substitute when we need extra help. If you are willing to help, contact Becky Dieleman at bdieleman@holytrinityankeny.org.

Calendar of HTLC Events

1 & 2 = Basement Rooms 1 & 2 • B = Balcony • CK = Café Koinonia • FH = Fellowship Hall
MPR = Multi-Purpose Room • N = Narthex • S = Sanctuary • V = Virtual

Sunday, February 8
8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School (2)
10:00 am Worship (S)

Monday, February 9
No events scheduled

Tuesday, February 10
9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (201)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
6:30 pm Men's Group (CK)
6:30 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (201)

Wednesday, February 11
9:00 am LWR Quilters (FH)
1:00 pm Care & Compassion Group (V)
5:15 pm Youth Choir (200)
6:00 pm Church School (2)
6:00 pm Confirmation (FH)
7:00 pm High School Ministry (207)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (B)

Thursday, February 12
6:30 am Son Seekers /Men's Ministries (CK)
11:30 am The Apprentice Group (209)

Friday, February 13
No events scheduled

Saturday, February 14
7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)

Sunday, February 15
8:30 am Worship (S)
8:30 am Church School (2)
10:00 am Worship (S)
3:00 pm Wartburg College Castle Singers & Kammerstreicher Concert (S)

Monday, February 16
1:30 pm Pause Group (CK)
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, February 17
9:00 am Paint, Pound & Praise & Willing Workers (CK)
10:15 am Staff Meeting (201)
12:00 pm HTLC Food Pantry
1:00 pm Afternoon Men's Group (CK)
5:30 pm Capital Campaign Implementation Team Meeting (201)
6:30 pm 49+ Book Club (CK)
6:30 pm Men's Group (FH)

Holy Trinity
Food Pantry

Our food pantry needs cereal, canned fruit, applesauce, canned soup, and toilet paper. We need canned meats, paper towels, saltine & oyster crackers, and peanut butter, as well as feminine hygiene products, diapers, and personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo). Place non-perishable donations in the grocery carts by the entrances.

Monetary donations can be made at the kiosk in the Narthex, online at *bit.ly/htlc-FoodPantry20,* or placed in the offering basket.